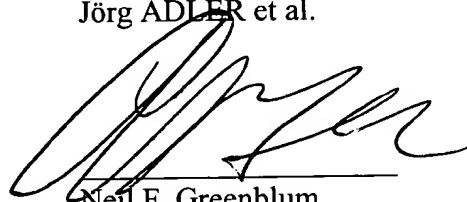


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**MARKED-UP COPY OF CHANGES TO CLAIM 9:**

9. (Amended) Process for producing a ceramic multi-layer filter according to [one of claims 1 through 8] claim 1, in which at least two ceramic slurries are manufactured from at least two ceramic powders of the same or different composition but different particle sizes with the additional of known forming and sintering auxiliary agents, where the particles of the ceramic powders are wet with a material or a material is added to the ceramic slurries in powdered form, which wets the surface of the ceramic particle well with a temperature increase and has the same or approximately the same thermal coefficient of expansion as the ceramic particles, and which does not or only slightly alters the particle size, particle morphology and particle composition/crystal structure compared to those of the powder that is used and which forms spot and/or surface connections in the case of a temperature change between the particles, where the material is only added in the quantity or in the quantity that coats the ceramics particles so that the pore quantity and pore size between the particles is reduced by the material only slightly or only partially but not more than 50%, one or more layers are formed and dried from the slurries, where, after partial or complete drying of a layer, another layer with ceramic particles with a smaller particle size than the already dried layer can be formed on it, and at least two layers are placed over one another and/or connected with one another and jointly subjected to a temperature increase, which leads to the formation of the spot and/or surface connection between the ceramic particles by the material.

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